GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2367
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2007
RELEVANCE OF RAILWAY ZONES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railway zones have been set up to benefit the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said objective has been achieved;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reformative measures adopted by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e): A statement is Attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2367 BY SHRI MANSUKHBHAI D. VASAVA & SHRI V.K. THUMMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2007 REGARDING RELEVANCE OF RAILWAY ZONES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): With the creation of smaller administrative railway zones, it has been possible to achieve an all round improvement in the functioning of the railways due to better supervision and monitoring. Since all zones contribute to the performance of Indian Railways as a whole, the improvement in overall performance of the Indian Railways indicates a significant contribution of the new zones. The following indices reflect the improvement in the performance of the Indian Railways.

During the period April 06 to January 07 the originating freight loading was 593.67 million tones as compared to 542.81 million tones during the corresponding period of the previous year, recording an increase of 50.86 million tones implying a growth of 9.37%. Similarly, the total transport output in terms of Net Tonne Kilometres (NTKMs) increased from 358770 million NTKMs to 389170 million NTKMs, which is an increase of 30400 million NTKMs, indicating an overall growth of 8.47%. The total earnings of Indian Railways during 2006-07 upto February 07 (approximate) is Rs. 55644.30 crore as compared to Rs 48473.64 crore earned during corresponding period of the last year i.e. an increase of 14.79%.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.